



Attorney Docket No. 5210B P 006

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re U.S. Patent Application Of:

RAYMOND G. VERSHUM, DALE L FOSTER  
and JOSEPH SPENCER OSBORNE III

Application No. 10/717,462

Filed: November 21, 2003

For: PACKAGING APPARATUS AND METHOD

)  
)  
)  
)  
) Group Art Unit: 3727  
)  
) Examiner: Robin A. Hylton  
)  
)

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 19, 2006**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2006. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of one (1) month from the mailing date. Accordingly, the time period for response is June 19, 2006. Applicants enclose a Petition for One Month Extension of Time, with the requisite fee, setting the time period for response to July 19, 2006. Therefore, this Reply is considered timely filed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in the present Application in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.